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Deputy Sean Sherlock TD,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

Re PQ 6040 22: *To ask the Minister for Health the agencies under the remit of his Department; the amount that has been spent on all Covid-19-related consultancy contracts by his Department and agencies under his remit in 2020, 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form; the amount paid for each consultant; and the reason for the consultancy.*

Dear Deputy Sherlock,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Questions, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. Your PQ above has been referred to me for response.

In compliance with the stipulations of the Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies (“the Code”), as published by the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform in August 2016, the HSE discloses the total Consultancy costs charged to Income and Expenditure in Appendix 2 to the HSE Annual Financial Statements (AFS). Consultancy costs include costs of external expert analysis and advice to management which contributes to decision making or policy direction. It excludes outsourced ‘business as usual’ functions. In order to meet this disclosure requirement, an extensive exercise, involving manual collation from numerous ledger systems and analysis of the data, is completed annually as part of the AFS process. The latest consultancy costs available are contained in the 2020 HSE Annual Financial Statements. These can be accessed from the HSE website at the following link: <https://www.hse.ie/eng/services/publications/corporate/annualrpts.html> with Appendix 2 located at page 189 of the Report. The costs comprise both Covid and non-Covid related Consultancy costs. Please see Appendix 1 attached below for the breakdown of the Covid related Consultancy costs by provider as requested.

I regret to inform you that the data requested for the year 2021 and to date in 2022 is not readily available from the HSE Finance ledgers. There are still currently numerous ledger systems in operation in the HSE and therefore differences in coding may arise. As stated above, due to the extensive nature of the collation exercise the process is completed on an annual basis only. The HSE AFS 2021 is expected to be published in May 2022.

The shortcomings in the HSE legacy financial systems are well acknowledged and their replacement by a single standard financial system for the Health Sector is at the core of the Finance Reform programme initiated by the Department of Health.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me at or tel: 087 9423319.

Yours sincerely

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Appendix 1 to PQ 6040 22

Table 1

HSE Covid-19 Consultancy costs by vendor for the year 2020

HSE Covid-19 Consultancy costs by vendor for the year 2020	€	Workstreams
ERNST & YOUNG BUSINESS ADVISORS	7,625,027	Integrated National Operational Hub (INOH) Governance Capacity planning & analysis COVID-19 testing & tracing system services Strategic workforce planning Relevant Accountants' role for COVID-19 Private Hospitals Arrangement
PRICEWATERHOUSE COOPERS	4,050,940	Procurement for PPE modelling/forecasting Clinical programmes Support to contact tracing centres
GRANT THORNTON	1,329,497	Communications Estates and building readiness Acute & Community capacity programme management and reporting
DELOITTE IRELAND LLP	1,273,813	COVID-19 testing & tracing system services Operational quality management Reporting on 24/7 basis to National Laboratory Programme Project management and consulting resources to advance laboratory initiatives
PA CONSULTING GROUP	1,232,655	Services to ensure continuity of Programme delivery and reduce loss of investment due to COVID-19 impacts
VISION CONSULTING LTD	937,207	COVID-19 testing & tracing system services
PROSPECTUS LTD	434,385	COVID-19 Acute Hospital Division
KPMG	415,097	ICT programme support and technology Enablement including supporting the development of COVID-19 reporting dashboards
Sub total > €200k	17,298,620	
Sub total < €200k	1,602,921	
Overall Total	18,901,541	
<i>Source: HSE Financial Data Analysis & Systems</i>		